STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1787

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 0 3 2019

RE: S.C.R. No. 201

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirtieth State Legislature Regular Session of 2019 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 201 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO CREATE A COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BODY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Department of Human Services to create a Compact of Free Association Advisory Board to undertake studies and make policy recommendations regarding health care coverage for residents from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau.

Your Committee received written comments in support of the measure from the Department of Human Services, Parents and Children Together, and Kokua Kalihi Valley.

Your Committee finds that, based on their immigration status under the applicable compacts of free association, individuals from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and Republic of Palau face unique challenges in navigating state systems, particularly state-funded health insurance and health care programs. Analyses and recommendations are needed to determine the best approach for providing parity in state-funded health coverage for otherwise eligible individuals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 201 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

The Senate Thirtieth Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Ways and Means WAM

	Committee Referral: Date: HMS, WAM 3/28/19			
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.				
If so, then the previous decision was to:				
The Recommendation is:				
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
HARIMOTO, Breene	X			·
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KAHELE, Kaialiʻi	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	<u> </u>			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X		·	
FEVELLA, Kurt	X_			
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Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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